

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Church House, 9 am & 11 am

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 11:1-9

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (HYMN 99)
by James Montgomery, 1816

Angels, from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (HYMN 94)

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds
watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud—the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear—for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

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Nails and spear shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh—
Come, rich and poor, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings—
let loving hearts enthrone Him.

EMMANUEL (HALLOWED MANGER GROUND) by Chris Tomlin

What hope we hold this starlit night!
A King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long—we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age!
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry.
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground!

Emmanuel, Emmanuel:
God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel:
Praise His name, Emmanuel!

The son of God, here born to bleed:
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow.
And we beheld this offering;
Exalted now the King of kings!
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground!

Emmanuel, Emmanuel:
God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel:
Praise His name, Emmanuel!

Oh, praise His name, Emmanuel!
Oh, praise His name, Emmanuel!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture: *Luke 5:27-39*

SERMON (Jon Marken)
Christ's Advent Inspires Worship
Various scriptures from Luke and Matthew

Seven acts of praise and worship
associated with the announcements and birth of Jesus:

1. Mary (*Luke 1:46-55*)

2. Zechariah (*Luke 1:64, 67-75*)

3. The angels (*Luke 2:13-14*)

4. The shepherds (*Luke 2:20*)

5. Simeon (*Luke 2:28-32*)

6. Anna (*Luke 2:38*)

7. The Magi (*Matt. 2:11*)

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RESPONSE TO THE PREACHED WORD

O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

*(Is. 1:18; Is. 42:1-3; Is. 55:1-3; Mt. 1:21; Mt. 11:28-30;
Mt. 12:18-20; Rom. 5:8; Rev. 5:12)*

O come, all you unfaithful! Come, weak and unstable!
Come, know you are not alone.

O come, barren and waiting ones, Weary of praying, come!
See what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken! Come with fears unspoken.
Come, taste of His perfect love.

O come, guilty and hiding ones! There is no need to run.
See what your God has done.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing! Come, He is the offering.
Come, see what your God has done

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Feel free to respond in prayer, aloud or silently, as the Lord leads.

JOY HAS DAWNED, by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory;
But a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold—a King is born today; Incense—God is with us;

Myrrh—His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour! what a Friend! What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

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